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## Commission's Probable Cause Hearing Transcript

Exhibit 5

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1	BEFORE THE
2	OHIO ELECTIONS COMMISSION
3	PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL
4	RECEIVED
5	IN RE: : OCT 2 0 2010
6	Steve Driehaus, : OHIO ELECTIONS COMMISSION
7	Complainant, :
8	vs. : Case Nos.
9	201E-084, 2010E-096 Susan B. Anthony :
10	List, et al., :
11	Respondents.
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13	Proceedings before Chairman John R.
14	Mroczkowski, Commissioners Harvey H. Shapiro
15	and Chuck Calvert, and Executive Director
16	Philip C. Richter, taken at the Ohio Elections
17	Commission, 21 West Broad Street, Sixth Floor,
18	Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, October 14, 2010,
19	at 9:55 o'clock a.m.
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1	APPEARANCES:		
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4	By Mr. Paul M. DeMarco,		
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7	Terre Haute, Indiana 47807 By Mr. Joseph E. LaRue and		
8	Mr. James Bopp, Jr.,		
9	On behalf of the Respondents.		:
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Page 3 1 2 PROCEEDINGS 3 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: The next case before us is 2010E-084. 5 6 MR. RICHTER: Mr. Chairman, members, briefly before the matter is taken under 8 consideration, there's a couple of kind of house-cleaning items. 10 One is, one relates to the fact that 11 counsel for the respondent here, the Susan B. 12 Anthony List, is an out-of-state counsel. Request has been made to allow him to appear 13 before this commission pro hac vice as an 14 15 out-of-state lawyer. I'd recommend that we 16 approve -- that the Chairman approve that motion to allow him to appear. 17 18 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: And that 19 person is? 20 MR. RICHTER: Mr. LaRue, Joseph 21 LaRue. 22 MR. LARUE: No, sir, I'm an Ohio 23 lawyer, but I made the motion on behalf of Mr. 24 Bopp, Mr. James Bopp, Jr.

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               MR. RICHTER: Oh, okay, sorry.
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               MR. LARUE:
               MR. RICHTER: My mistake. Then for
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               CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI:
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     members?
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               MR. CALVERT: I have no objection.
               MR. SHAPIRO: I have no objection.
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     I move that we accept that and allow that.
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               CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI:
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     will show that Attorney James Bopp will be an
     attorney of record. Mr. DeMarco?
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               MR. DEMARCO: No objection.
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               MR. RICHTER: One other item, I
     don't know that the Commission needs to take
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     it up right away; I've addressed this briefly
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     with you prior to the commencement of the
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     meeting. Along with this complaint, we have
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     another complaint, 2010E-096, that was filed
     that is right now listed on today's 3:00
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     probable cause panel agenda.
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     Mr. DeMarco is aware of it. Mr. LaRue, who is
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     co-counsel for the respondent, is also aware
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- 1 of it. My staff had conversation with Mr.
- 2 DeMarco, indicated he would like to see it
- 3 addressed this morning, and I had a
- 4 conversation with Mr. LaRue in which he
- 5 indicated that while his preference was not to
- 6 have it addressed at all, that if it were to
- 7 be addressed by the Commission, his preference
- 8 would be to have it addressed at this
- 9 morning's meeting, as well.
- 10 So we would need to have a motion to
- 11 add that to the agenda. I'm not sure if you
- 12 want to get other comments from counsel as it
- 13 relates to the particular status of this
- 14 complaint, but my recommendation would be that
- 15 we add that to the agenda today, or to this
- 16 morning's agenda, mainly for the convenience
- 17 of the parties.
- 18 MR. SHAPIRO: Are you suggesting
- 19 consolidation of the two cases, or?
- MR. RICHTER: Yeah, I would say yes,
- 21 only because all of the statements that are at
- 22 issue evolve out of the same circumstances,
- 23 and it involved the same parties and the same
- 24 counsel, so that would be my recommendation.

Page 6 MR. SHAPIRO: Do respondents agree 1 2 to that, also? 3 MR. BOPP: Yes, Your Honor. MR. SHAPIRO: All right. Then I move that we consolidate cases 2010E-084 and 5 2010E-096 for purposes of hearing that this 6 7 morning. MR. CALVERT: I'll second that 8 9 motion. 10 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Correctly moved and seconded that we combine cases 11 2010E-084 and 2010E-096 and hear those cases 12 13 this morning. Any further discussion? 14 All those in favor, signify by 15 saying aye. 16 MEMBERS: Aye. CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Opposed, no. 17 18 Ayes have it. 19 Mr. DeMarco. MR. DEMARCO: Good morning, members 20 21 of the Commission. Paul DeMarco for Steve 22 Driehaus, member of Congress in the First 23 Congressional District. There are three 24 allegations in this particular case as

- 1 consolidated.
- 2 First, I want to deal with the
- 3 disclaimer allegation violation at .20(A) on
- 4 this ad and political communication.
- 5 The SBA, which fits within the
- 6 "other entity" and also "political action
- 7 committee" definition, electronically
- 8 disseminated this ad, as evidenced by
- 9 Exhibit G. That fits within the general
- 10 publication language of .2(A). It is a form
- 11 of advertisement, according to their own
- 12 answer on page 1, and it is against the
- 13 congressman in order to defeat him.
- 14 Exhibit F at page 2 announces that
- 15 the SBA List, quote, has committed \$1.5
- 16 million to defeat so-called Pro-Life Democrats
- 17 who voted for the bill identifying Congressman
- 18 Driehaus by name. And it also has a Web site
- 19 in which it endorses his opponent.
- 20 So this is a political communication
- 21 under .2(A) by another entity, which must bear
- 22 the disclaimer language and does not, and
- 23 therefore, that is a violation of .2(A).
- 24 The second allegation deals with the

- 1 falsity of the ad itself. If the hundred
- 2 pages that respondent has filed in response to
- 3 the complaint are any indication, they will
- 4 tell you that this ad merely asserts their
- 5 opinion.
- 6 Let me remind the members of the
- 7 Commission exactly what they said. Exhibit A,
- 8 quote: Driehaus voted for taxpayer-funded
- 9 abortion. Unquote.
- 10 Exhibit F: Driehaus voted for a
- 11 health care bill that includes taxpayer-funded
- 12 abortion. Unquote.
- And as to the notion that this is
- 14 merely their opinion, Exhibit H, issued on
- 15 October 7th, after the filing in this case,
- 16 rather than a retraction, we have another
- 17 political communication in which they say,
- 18 quote: It is a fact -- not opinion -- it is a
- 19 fact that Steve Driehaus has voted for a bill
- 20 that includes taxpayer funding of abortions.
- 21 Their ads and political
- 22 communications do not say that he voted for a
- 23 bill that, with those hundred pages of
- 24 what-ifs, might some day lead to the federal

- 1 funding of abortion if things that have never
- 2 happened before occur.
- Rather, they flatly stated that the
- 4 bill that he voted for, unlike the other cases
- 5 we've talked about this morning, there is a
- 6 law that has been passed and that he voted
- 7 for, and they have to demonstrate where in
- 8 that law there is included a provision that
- 9 actually created a federal funding source and
- 10 then directed that federal funding mechanism
- 11 to abortions.
- 12 Rather than there being such a
- 13 provision, there is actually a prohibition in
- 14 the law that Congressman Driehaus voted for,
- 15 and it is contained in Section 1302, entitled
- 16 Prohibition on the Use of Federal Funds.
- 17 So not only is this a situation
- 18 where they cannot demonstrate that he voted
- 19 for something, he actually voted for the
- 20 opposite.
- Now, if their hundred pages -- if
- they had a provision in this bill that showed
- 23 that he voted for a bill that created a
- 24 federal funding mechanism and directed that

- 1 federal funding mechanism to abortion, they
- 2 wouldn't, with all due respect, need 100 pages
- 3 to try to convince you of that. One page
- 4 would do. Show us the provision in the bill.
- 5 They cannot do that.
- 6 They raise the specter of other
- 7 hypothetical events happening. Community
- 8 health centers, for example, would be allowed,
- 9 they say, under this bill, impliedly
- 10 authorized to perform abortions.
- 11 That's not the reality. The reality
- is, community health centers have existed for
- 13 30 years; they've never performed abortions,
- 14 because by federal regulation they cannot.
- They raise the specter of this new
- 16 animal, high-risk pools, which are these
- 17 insurance plans that will exist until the
- 18 preexisting condition coverage is in effect in
- 19 2014. They say the high risk pools could
- 20 cover abortions.
- Not so. As they concede themselves,
- in the Johnson affidavit at paragraph 40, the
- 23 Department of Health and Human Services has
- 24 determined no funding of abortions in the

- 1 high-risk pools.
- There is no basis, members of the
- 3 Commission, for their statement.
- 4 Furthermore, if you look at the very
- 5 pivotal affidavit of Kristin Day, she
- 6 documents a meeting at which pro-life
- 7 organizations and members of Congress were
- 8 present. The statement was made: We cannot
- 9 really say this is federal funding for
- 10 abortions.
- And from that time on, the SBA List
- 12 consistently has taken the opposite position.
- 13 Even though it was stated at a meeting of
- 14 pro-life organizations, there was general
- 15 recognition, no refutation, the SBA List
- 16 continued thereafter to make this
- 17 characterization.
- 18 The third allegation in this
- 19 complaint is another false statement. And
- 20 that is, after this complaint was filed, they
- 21 issued another political communication in
- 22 which they attacked Congressman Driehaus and
- 23 promoted his defeat, and they added this:
- 24 That he, quote, ordered Lamar Companies, which

- 1 is the billboard company, not to put up
- 2 billboards until the matter was settled by the
- 3 Ohio Elections Commission.
- This statement is a fabrication. It
- 5 did not occur. As Congressman Driehaus says
- 6 in paragraph 4 of his affidavit: I have never
- 7 spoken to anyone from Lamar Advertising, much
- 8 less issued any orders to that company about
- 9 the billboards that the SBA List has
- 10 threatened to put up falsely accusing me of
- 11 voting for taxpayer-funded abortion, nor has
- 12 anyone acting on my behalf ordered Lamar not
- 13 to put up the billboards. It is simply a
- 14 fabrication.
- We ask that probable cause be found
- on all of the allegations of the complaint
- 17 that I have outlined.
- 18 And I would reserve the balance of
- 19 my time.
- 20 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: To clarify,
- 21 if you would, Mr. DeMarco, you're talking
- 22 about basically a disclaimer and a false
- 23 statement?
- 24 MR. DEMARCO: A disclaimer and two

- 1 false statements. Actually, the false
- 2 statements as to the ad consist of three
- 3 statements, which are consistent with one
- 4 another, and then a separate false statement
- 5 about him having ordered the billboard
- 6 company.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: I just wanted
- 8 to get that clear. Thank you.
- 9 MR. RICHTER: Briefly, just before
- 10 we continue, you went beyond your time, Mr.
- 11 DeMarco, which is not the end of the world,
- 12 nobody stopped you, but I'll give you the same
- 13 accommodation, Mr. Bopp, as well.
- MR. BOPP: Thank you very much, and
- 15 thank you for allowing me to participate in
- 16 this hearing and before this Commission.
- 17 This is a probable cause hearing.
- 18 However, we are suffering damage today, we've
- 19 been suffering damage ever since this
- 20 complaint was filed, and that is because Mr.
- 21 DeMarco on behalf of the congressman contacted
- 22 the advertising agency and threatened to sue
- 23 them if they didn't agree not to place our
- 24 billboards up, as they had contracted to do.

- 1 And they sent a letter that
- 2 confirmed this, and, of course, this is the
- 3 reference we have made to ordering the
- 4 billboard company not to put up the
- 5 billboards; that is, he threatened them with
- 6 suit if they did so.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: I don't
- 8 believe we have any jurisdiction over any of
- 9 that. We're here to hear the issues on the
- 10 complaint, and if you would, sir, keep your
- 11 comments to that and we'll go from there.
- MR. BOPP: Well, his last complaint,
- as I understood it, is that he is complaining
- 14 that we said in the press release that they
- 15 had ordered the billboard company, that is,
- 16 the congressman, not to put up the billboards.
- 17 And this is the evidence that they did that.
- Now, furthermore, I brought it to
- 19 the Commission's attention because if you bind
- 20 this thing over for a hearing, we will
- 21 continue for the next two weeks to suffer the
- 22 denial of our First Amendment rights. So from
- 23 our standpoint, while I understand this is a
- 24 probable cause hearing, it is very

- 1 consequential to the right of my client to
- 2 speak about these matters.
- Now, as to the disclaimer, this is a
- 4 federal race. Federal races are governed by
- 5 the Federal Election Campaign Act. There is
- 6 no state laws that can provide for
- 7 disclaimers; that is preempted by federal law.
- 8 So there is no state requirement on a
- 9 communication involving a federal race that
- 10 you must have a state-approved disclaimer,
- 11 because this is a federal race governed by the
- 12 Federal Election Campaign Act.
- 13 Secondly, as to the claimed false
- 14 statement that the congressman voted for
- 15 taxpayer-funded abortion: Of course, we were,
- 16 as has been acknowledged, talking about the
- 17 passage of Obamacare.
- When Obamacare was adopted, 34
- 19 Democrats as well as all Republicans voted
- 20 against it. The vast majority of those
- 21 Democrats voted against Obamacare, that the
- 22 Congress voted for, because, as Congressman
- 23 Lipps of Illinois, a Democrat Congressman,
- 24 said: Of great concern to me and to a

- 1 significant majority of my constituents, the
- 2 bill changes current federal law and provides
- 3 funding for abortion. This is not acceptable.
- 4 So the vast majority of Democrats
- 5 who opposed this did so on the same grounds
- 6 that Susan B. Anthony List is saying that a
- 7 vote for this bill would provide funding of
- 8 abortion.
- 9 Now, most obvious to that, and there
- 10 are four provisions of the bill that we want
- 11 to make reference to, which we have discussed
- in our submissions, that allow for funding of
- 13 abortion.
- Now, two of those -- and the only
- one that they ever discussed or Professor
- 16 Joyce mentions is the second one: Where there
- is a specific provision that limits funding of
- 18 abortion to life of the mother, rape and
- 19 incest.
- 20 So if we stop right there, this bill
- 21 allows for taxpayer funding of abortion for
- 22 life, rape and incest. That's taxpayer
- 23 funding of abortion. That is not a policy my
- 24 client would support. They would support only

- 1 taxpayer funding of abortion for life of the
- 2 mother, not for rape and incest.
- 3 So Obamacare, with its expanded
- 4 exceptions of rape and incest, are for
- 5 providing for funding of abortion,
- 6 unquestionably, and to the extent that my
- 7 client objects.
- Now, secondly, only these two
- 9 provisions, here and here (indicating), have a
- 10 specific provision that prevents funding of
- 11 abortion. The others, this one and these two,
- 12 there is no statutory provision that prevents
- 13 funding of abortion. In fact, one of those
- 14 provisions specifically allows for funding of
- 15 abortion: Abortions for which public funding
- 16 is allowed.
- 17 So there is statutory authorization
- 18 for publicly funded abortions under Obamacare
- 19 in the statute.
- Now, right now, because of the Hyde
- 21 Amendment, which is a separate provision of an
- 22 appropriations bill which is not part of
- 23 Obamacare, this would be limited to life of
- 24 the mother, rape and incest. That is funding

- of abortion, beyond what my client would
- 2 support, but if that ever goes down, which it
- 3 has to be renewed year after year after year,
- 4 then the statute authorizes the funding of
- 5 abortion. That's what we said he voted for, a
- 6 statute that authorizes the funding of
- 7 abortion.
- Now, let me go back to this chart
- 9 and drill down into this one provision here,
- 10 and this is the provision --
- 11 MR. SHAPIRO: What's the section
- 12 number of that provision?
- 13 MR. BOPP: That is 101 -- excuse me.
- 14 It's 1101, which creates immediate temporary
- 15 preexisting condition insurance plans. That
- 16 is for high-risk patients.
- 17 Now, the Congressional Research
- 18 Service on July 23rd -- and the Congressional
- 19 Research Service is bipartisan -- issued a
- 20 report, which is Exhibit N, confirming that
- 21 neither the Hyde Amendment nor any provision
- 22 of PPACA -- which is this, the statute --
- 23 prevented the use of funds in the high-risk
- 24 preexisting condition insurance plans from

- 1 being used to cover abortion.
- 2 So it's allowed, according to the
- 3 Congressional Research Service, by that
- 4 provision.
- 5 Now, it is true that when plans were
- 6 approved that included abortion, the Obama
- 7 administration adopted another rule,
- 8 administrative rule, that said we're not going
- 9 to approve those plans. The ACLU said, about
- 10 that action of the White House: The White
- 11 House has decided to voluntarily impose the
- 12 ban for all women in the newly created
- 13 high-risk insurance pools.
- What is disappointing is that there
- is nothing in the law that requires the Obama
- 16 administration to impose this broad and highly
- 17 restrictive abortion ban. Nothing in the law.
- 18 It is the law that the advertisement refers
- 19 to, it is the law that allows for federally
- 20 funded abortions, and so that statement is
- 21 categorically true, which we said about the
- 22 congressman, and therefore this should be
- 23 dismissed.
- MR. SHAPIRO: Sir, could you state

- 1 your name and address for the record.
- 2 MR. BOPP: Yes. It's James Bopp
- 3 Jr., and I'm sorry, I don't know who asked me
- 4 that.
- 5 MR. SHAPIRO: I asked you that.
- 6 MR. BOPP: Oh, I'm sorry, okay, for
- 7 her. James Bopp, Jr. It's One South Sixth
- 8 Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47807.
- 9 MR. SHAPIRO: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Rebuttal, Mr.
- 11 DeMarco?
- MR. RICHTER: About a minute, Mr.
- 13 DeMarco.
- MR. DEMARCO: Thank you. May I
- 15 actually use the chart on both of these
- 16 points?
- 17 The representation was made that
- 18 this creates federal funding for abortions.
- 19 That is a reference to the Hyde Amendment,
- 20 which already was federal law. There is no
- 21 language in this bill that creates new federal
- 22 funding. It's already permitted under the
- 23 Hyde Amendment.
- Now, if they want to say that the

- 1 Hyde Amendment is federal funding for
- 2 abortions, that's a different story, but
- 3 that's not in the bill that was voted for by
- 4 Congressman Driehaus. That's a preexisting
- 5 law that was voted for by, not just this
- 6 Congress, but every other Congress since 1976.
- 7 I want you to take a look, for
- 8 example, at their own affidavit. Mr. Johnson.
- 9 He talks about taxpayer funding abortions in
- 10 narrow circumstances. He defines it in
- 11 paragraph 14. He says: A vote for that is
- 12 not a vote for taxpayer funding of abortion.
- So their thesis is, if it doesn't
- 14 prohibit it expressly, like in high-risk
- 15 pools, then it must authorize funding for it.
- Not true. High-risk pools have been
- 17 ruled out by the Department of Health and
- 18 Human Services already, as have the community
- 19 health centers. The references in those
- 20 charts are to preexisting law, not new sources
- 21 of funding. They are in there as definitional
- 22 provisions so that you can understand the
- 23 prohibition in what I handed to you, which is
- 24 1303.

- 1 The prohibition also includes
- 2 segregation by the enrollee; they have to pay
- 3 by separate check; it never flows through the
- 4 federal government for abortion coverage; and
- 5 the issuer has to segregate totally. There is
- 6 complete segregation on the part of the
- 7 enrollee and the issuer. Therefore, there is
- 8 no federal funding of abortion in this bill.
- 9 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Questions of
- 10 the Commission? Mr. Shapiro.
- MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. DeMarco, could you
- 12 address the jurisdictional, a question where
- 13 counsel says that this Commission has no
- authority with regard to disclaimers because
- 15 it's a federal election; what's your response
- 16 to that?
- 17 MR. DEMARCO: I see nothing in .20
- 18 that would except from the obligation to issue
- 19 the disclaimer an out-of-state company -- or
- 20 out-of-state entity that is trying to
- 21 influence a federal election in Ohio.
- This entity pulled a bus into
- 23 Cincinnati in August as part of this campaign.
- 24 I can't imagine that that -- and as part of

- 1 this campaign wants to put billboards and up
- 2 and whatnot. I can't imagine them making an
- 3 argument they're not subject to this
- 4 jurisdiction.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Any other
- 6 questions?
- 7 Director, there was an issue made by
- 8 counsel about the rights of this Commission
- 9 dealing with federal elections. What's the
- 10 status?
- MR. RICHTER: Were this organization
- 12 to have established itself as a political
- 13 action committee in Ohio by filing either --
- 14 presumably considering where they're working,
- 15 either in the Hamilton County Board of
- 16 Elections or with the State of Secretary, then
- 17 I believe they would be subjected to Ohio's
- 18 disclaimer law.
- 19 However, as they are acting in a
- 20 federal election, and this Commission, as we
- 21 all know, is preempted dealing in general with
- 22 campaign finance laws for federal campaigns,
- 23 as there are federal statutes; in addition, as
- 24 it relates to the disclaimer law, there are

- 1 federal statutes that preempt the Commission's
- 2 applicability in these kinds of situations.
- 3 So I would tend to agree that in
- 4 this particular instance, the obligation on
- 5 the Susan B. Anthony List would be to comply
- 6 with federal law under these circumstances.
- 7 MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. Chairman.
- 8 Mr. Director, this is an Ohio
- 9 election for a representative to go to
- 10 Washington. This isn't a nationwide election;
- 11 it's not a federal election, as I understand
- 12 it. We deal with all elections that take
- 13 place in Ohio except the President, which is a
- 14 federal election.
- 15 If you are campaigning in Ohio,
- 16 you're subject to the Ohio election laws. If
- 17 they have not registered, that may be another
- 18 issue. But where you're submitting political
- 19 materials in a campaign that is an Ohio
- 20 election, you're subject to our laws. I'm not
- 21 sure I understand your position.
- 22 MR. RICHTER: Well, I would agree
- 23 with you as it relates to the false statement
- 24 sections. There is no federal statute that

- 1 places any restrictions on political -- on
- 2 whether there are false statements in campaign
- 3 materials.
- 4 But were we to allow this proceeding
- 5 to go forward as it relates to the disclaimer
- on this group, then you could also make the
- 7 same argument as it relates to any of the
- 8 campaign commercials of the various, either
- 9 organizations that are operating or with
- 10 regard to the candidates, because they were
- 11 all governed by federal law, and the
- 12 disclaimer requirements placed on federal
- 13 candidates is different than Ohio's disclaimer
- 14 law.
- 15 MR. SHAPIRO: With regard to their
- 16 finances.
- 17 MR. RICHTER: No, no, no, with
- 18 regard to their campaign materials. If you
- 19 ever look at a TV commercial or any other
- 20 materials that are circulated by a federal
- 21 campaign, their disclaimers are different, as
- 22 is allowed by federal law, than is required
- 23 under Ohio's statute.
- 24 And as it relates to their

- 1 operations -- I appreciate that they are on
- 2 the Ohio ballot and they're Ohio candidates in
- 3 that regard, but as it relates to their
- 4 campaign finance activities and as it relates
- 5 to their other procedural aspects of their
- 6 campaigns, federal law covers the field there
- 7 and prescribes any action, I believe,
- 8 prescribes any action by this Commission as it
- 9 relates to those aspects of campaigning and
- 10 campaign finance law.
- 11 MR. CALVERT: Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Yes, Mr.
- 13 Calvert.
- 14 MR. CALVERT: I think we've
- 15 addressed this issue in the past, that the
- 16 disclaimer is related to who paid for the ad
- 17 and is part of the finance rules, and those
- 18 are controlled by the federal government, not
- 19 the state. We've had this issue several times
- 20 since I've been here, and I think we've ruled
- 21 that the disclaimer has to meet the federal,
- 22 and if there's a problem with it, they take it
- 23 to the Federal Elections Commission.
- 24 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Then as far

- 1 as the complaint dealing with the disclaimer,
- 2 what's the wishes of the Commission?
- 3 MR. CALVERT: I make a motion with
- 4 regard to the disclaimer that we find no
- 5 probable cause and dismiss it.
- 6 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Because of
- 7 lack of jurisdiction? I'll second that.
- 8 We'll have a roll call.
- 9 MR. RICHTER: Mr. Shapiro.
- MR. SHAPIRO: No.
- 11 MR. RICHTER: Mr. Calvert.
- MR. CALVERT: Yes.
- 13 MR. RICHTER: Mr. Mroczkowski.
- 14 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Yes.
- MR. RICHTER: Motion passes two to
- 16 one.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: The
- 18 allegations as far as false statements do fall
- 19 within the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 20 Am I correct, Director?
- MR. RICHTER: That's correct, Mr.
- 22 Chairman, and that has been substantiated, or
- 23 upheld, I should say, in prior cases that the
- 24 Commission has addressed.

- 1 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: As far as the
- 2 issues of false statement, what's the
- 3 Director's recommendation on cases 2009E-084
- 4 and 096?
- 5 MR. RICHTER: My recommendation is
- 6 to find no probable cause and dismiss.
- 7 MR. CALVERT: Correction, if I may.
- 8 You said 2009. They're 2010, sir. Just for
- 9 the record.
- 10 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: I stand
- 11 corrected. 2010E-086 and 096.
- 12 MR. CALVERT: 2010E-084 and 096.
- 13 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: What do I
- 14 have, two different cases here? Yes, I do.
- 15 All right. We'll start this thing over again.
- 16 In cases 2010E-084 and 096, the
- 17 Director's recommendation is to find no
- 18 probable cause and dismiss. What's the wishes
- 19 of the Commission?
- MR. CALVERT: Mr. Chairman?
- 21 CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Yes.
- 22 MR. CALVERT: I make a motion in
- 23 case 2010E-084 and 2010E-096 that we find no
- 24 probable cause and dismiss the two cases.

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1	CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Seems that
2	motion dies for lack of a second. Is there
3	another motion before this Commission?
4	MR. SHAPIRO: Mr. Chairman, with
5	regard to the false statement charges in 084
6	and 096, I move that we find probable cause
7	and set this matter for a hearing before the
8	full commission.
9	CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: I second that
10	motion. Any discussion?
11	Roll call.
12	MR. RICHTER: Mr. Calvert.
13	MR. CALVERT: No.
14	MR. RICHTER: Mr. Shapiro.
15	MR. SHAPIRO: Yes.
16	MR. RICHTER: Mr. Mroczkowski.
17	CHAIRMAN MROCZKOWSKI: Yes.
18	MR. RICHTER: Motion passes two to
19	one.
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21	Thereupon, the proceedings were
22	concluded at 10:26 o'clock a.m.
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